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August 5, 2003

Paul Morabito
Board Chair
Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 11th Floor
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This letter is in support of the Arroyo Viejo Creek at the Knowland Park restoration project—Oakland Zoo site, 9777 Golf Links Rd., Oakland California. Knowland Park—Oakland Zoo is located within the 16th Assembly district and is an area I have frequented for many years. The site is an active hub for outdoor recreation, environmental education, community meetings and conferences.

The City of Oakland is collaborating with the Oakland Zoo and the Urban Creeks Council to restore approximately 1,000 ft of creek to improve water quality, habitat value and recreational and educational opportunities. The project will provide a model outdoor educational center focused on watershed subjects.

The restoration project will not only greatly enhance the surrounding neighborhood, but will also benefit the broader Bay Area community that use the site and the other regional open spaces that the creek and park connect to.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Wilma Chan
Majority Leader of the California State Assembly

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IN KNOWLAND PARK



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July 29, 2003

Paul Morabito
Board Chair

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Dear Patrycja Bossak,

This letter is to state our commitment to and co-sponsorship of the restoration of Arroyo Viejo Creek in Knowland Park. This project has been a long time dream for zoo staff. In fact we have been talking about this for the eleven years I've been at the zoo. Part of the dream is the opportunity this would provide for community groups and students to be part of the restoration project. The park is enjoyed by many people from the neighborhood and beyond, aside from the zoo itself. These people often use the park before and after zoo hours.



The Oakland Zoo does expect to be responsible for maintaining the restoration project after completion. We hope to involve the community and youth groups in this. Many groups in the community have been waiting for this project literally for years.

Thank you for your consideration.

Anne Warner

Anne Warner
Director of Conservation and Education

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May 8, 2003

Paul Morabito
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This letter is in support of the project to restore Arroyo Viejo Creek at the Knowland Park- Oakland Zoo site, 9777 Golf Links Rd., Oakland California. Knowland Park- Oakland Zoo is located in the council district that I represent. The site is an active hub for outdoor recreation, environmental education, community meetings and conferences.

The City of Oakland is collaborating with the Oakland Zoo and the Urban Creeks Council to restore approximately 1,000 ft of creek to improve water quality, habitat value and recreational and educational opportunities. The project will provide a model outdoor educational center focused on watershed subjects.

The project will be a great enhancement of the neighborhood. And will not only benefit members of my council district, but will also benefit the broader Bay Area community that use the site and the other regional open spaces that the creek and park connect to.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Laurence E. Reid".

Laurence E. Reid
Councilmember, District 7

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August 5, 2003

Paul Morabito
Board Chair

Coastal Conservancy
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Dear Ms. Bossak:

I am pleased to support the City of Oakland's request for Conservancy funding for the Arroyo Viejo Creek Restoration Project.

This project will restore the Arroyo Viejo Creek in order to improve safety, long term bank stability, habitat and water quality, plant species diversity, and aesthetic appearance. Not only is this project beneficial to the environment, but it is also beneficial to the community. The Arroyo Viejo Creek Restoration Project will create outdoor classrooms for environmental education offered by local schools and the Zoo's Center for Science and Environmental Education. The project will also improve pedestrian pathways and recreational areas along the creek.

In light of the diverse benefits offered by the Arroyo Viejo Creek Restoration Project, I encourage you to give this request your full consideration.

Sincerely,

DON PERATA

Cc: Ali Schwarz

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